homoeopathic medicines and to perform sterility tests;

(b) whether the Director of Homoeopathic Pharmacopoeia Laboratory, Ghaziabad, in contravention of his statutory powers, has carried out testing of imported samples of homoeopathic medicine, Cineraria Maritima Succus, including sterility tests;

(c) whether he has issued test reports in the Indian Express dated the 7th July, 1989, declaring Cineraria Maritima Succus of West Germany as of substandard quality;

(d) under what provision of Drugs and Cosmetics Act, the Director of Homoeopathic Pharmacopoeia, Ghaziabad is carrying out such testing activity; and

(e) whether the activities of Director of Homoeopathic Pharmacopoeia Ghaziabad, are in violation of the provision of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act; if so, the nature of disciplinary action, proposed to be taken against him?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b), (d) and (e) Dr. P. N. Verma, Director of the Laboratory has been appointed as a Government Analyst for the whole of India in respect of Homoeopathic medicines in terms of Sub-Section (2) of Section 20 read with Section 3C (ii) of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940. It is the duty of the Government Analyst under Rule 45 of the Drugs and Cosmetics Rules, 1945 to cause to be analysed or tested samples of drugs as may be sent to him in the prescribed manner. The testing/analysis of drugs thus does not constitute any contravention of the powers of the Government Analyst.

(c) No, Sir. The news item which appeared in the Indian Express dated 7.7.1989 did not contain any test report. The test/analysis reports are issued in Form 13 as required under the Drugs Rules.

Waiting list of telephone connections in Shahadra

2598. SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM: Will he Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the waiting list for new telephone connections in Shahadra East with level No. 228 is the largest in Delhi;

(b) if so, the number of new telephone connections given in the first quarter of the current year in Shahadra Exchange with level No. 228; and

(c) the number of new telephone connections proposed to be given during the current year; quarter-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (b) No, Sir, However, 372 new lines have been given in the first quarter of the current year.

(c) There is no immediate plan for providing more connections in Shahadra area during remaining part of the current year.

Waiting list of telephone connections in Delhi

2599. SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem which appeared in the Times of India dated 11th April, 1989 under the caption 'Responding to the needs of tommorrow' wherein the Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Ltd. has claimed that the waiting list of Delhi has been reduced to eight years;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that the waiting list of Shahadra East has not touched even over the registrants of January, 1980; and

(c) what remedial measures Government propose to take to clear the waiting

list of telephone connections in Delhi, particularly the list of Shahadra, East?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The dates of earliest waiting applicants in Shahadra East under different categories are as follows:—

OYT/G—20-3-87	OYT/S—24-2-88
N-OYT/SS—31-1-89	N-OYT/S—17-3-82
N-OYT/G—26-12-79	

The maximum waiting period at Shahadra Exchange had come down to about eight years at the time of bulk release during 1988; but has again gone up beyond 9 years by now.

(c) There is a proposal to increase the equipped capacity of Delhi Telephones by about 1,70,000 lines in the next two years. This addition to the equipped capacity is expected to give substantial relief to the applicants in the waiting list in Delhi including Shahadra area of the U.T. of Delhi.

Grant of pay scale of Rs. 1640-2900 to Assistants

2600. SHRI MOHD. KHALEELUR REHMAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Administrative Tribunal has recently given its verdict on the grant of a Pay Scale of Rs. 1640-2900 to Assistants;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) by when the orders for implementation of the verdict are likely to be issued?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) The CAT in their judgement dated 23-5-1989 have directed that the applicants may be given an opportunity to be heard by the Anomaly Committee and the Government may pass final order on the Anomaly within 4 months after considering the recommendations of the Anomaly Committee. The Applicants have submitted a written memorandum to the Anomaly Committee which will be considered in the next meeting of the Committee.

Deaths due to cholera and gastroenteritis in Ghaziabad

2601. SHRI MOHD. KHALEELUR REHMAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of deaths and other maladies reported due to out-break of cholera and gastroenteritis due to presence of an open oxidation pond for the disposal of Sewage between Delhi border and Chander Nagar Colony of Ghaziabad, during the last two years;

(b) whether Government have received any representation from the residents of the colony in this regard; if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to take up the matter with the Uttar Pradesh Government, if not the reasons therefor; and

(d) by when the action in this regard is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) to (d) This Ministry has no such information. However, the number of Cholera/Gastro-Enterities/Acute Diarrhoeal Diseases cases in Uttar Pradesh as a whole as reported to the Dte.